

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



## House of Representatives

Dear Commissioner Crum,

Following overwhelming passage of CSHB 96 in the House of Representatives, we are writing to urge you to limit any Pioneer Home rate increases to those contained in the bill.

CSHB 96 allows for the five levels of care proposed by your department, starting with inflation adjusted rates at \$2,975, \$5,396, \$7,814, \$8,500, and no set level for the proposed Level V tier of care. However, it limits the proposed rate increases to no more than the most recent Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment. CSHB 96 passed the House of Representatives 35-4.

While the Senate did not have time to consider the bill this session, overwhelming support in the House suggests this bill has a significant chance of passage in 2020.

As the regulatory process moves forward, please limit any rate increases to those contained in CSHB 96 as passed by the House. This would avoid volatility in rates if this legislation passes the Senate next year while still increasing funds sent to the State of Alaska.

Respectfully,

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Representative Laddie Shaw

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zack".

Representative Zack Fields